

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 9

Bill No. 26-22

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Councilmembers Marks & Jones

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By the County Council, April 18, 2022

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Metropolitan District – Review of User Charges

FOR the purpose of clarifying the manner in which requests for review or appeal of certain user charges are to be submitted; providing for additional supporting documents or information; and generally relating to review of user charges.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 20-5-110(a)  
Article 20 – Metropolitan District  
Title 5 – Wastewater Regulation  
Baltimore County Code, 2015

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1           SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

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4                           ARTICLE 20 – METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

5                                   Title 3 – Charges and Assessments

6   Title 5 – Wastewater Regulation

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8       § 20-5-110. Review of User Charges; Appeals; Refunds.

9           (a)     (1) Any person liable for the payment of the user charges imposed pursuant to  
10 this title and who disputes such charges may, within two hundred forty (240) days after mailing  
11 of the bill for such charges, request the director of Public Works to review the charges imposed.

12                   (2) Such requests for review shall be in such form, contain such information, and  
13 be supported by such documents as the Director of Public Works may require. THE REQUEST  
14 FOR REVIEW SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING EITHER VIA U.S. MAIL  
15 ADDRESSED TO THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OR VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO  
16 THE GENERAL EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. IF  
17 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION ARE REQUIRED FOR A  
18 REQUEST FOR REVIEW TO BE COMPLETED, THE DIRECTOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE  
19 SHALL NOTIFY THE PERSON REQUESTING REVIEW AND GIVE THE PERSON A  
20 REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO SUBMIT THE DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION.

21                   (4) The Director of Public Works shall investigate the merits of all such requests,  
22 and the person requesting review shall be entitled to a hearing before the Director of Public

1 Works or designee. After investigation and hearing, if requested, the Director of Public Works  
2 shall, by written notice, notify the person requesting review of the action taken.

3 (5) If the Director of Public Works or designee determines that all or any part of  
4 the charges were erroneously, mistakenly, or illegally charged or collected, such charges shall  
5 either be abated or refunded.

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7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by  
8 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.